

**CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**  
**Community Forum**  
**Welcome All Park**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm**



**The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)**  
**The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)**  
**The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)**  
**The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)**

**Additional Attendees:**    **Ga State Senator Donzella James**  
                                  **Ms. Linda Bryant, Vice-Chair, Fulton County School Board**  
                                  **Ms. Kimberly Dove, Fulton County School Board**  
                                  **Ga State Rep. Deborah Bazemore, District 63**  
                                  **Fulton County Commission Chairman, Robb Pitts**  
                                  **Fayette County Commissioner Mr. Charles Russo**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**The meeting started at 10:10 AM.**

**1.     Welcome**

**Derrick E. Bell, President, Omicron Phi Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., welcomed all participants to the Community Forum.**

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**Welcomed the Mayor and City Council to lay out their vision for the City of South Fulton.**

**2. Occasion**

**Ms. Debra Bunkley, President, East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., brought greetings on behalf of the Sorority and Fraternity.**

**3. Introduction of Moderator**

**Ms. Chalonda Smith, Chair, Political Awareness and Involvement, Atlanta Suburban Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., introduced Mr. Braxton T. Cotton, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, as the Moderator of the Community Forum who gave ground rules in order to maximize the time allotted for the Community Forum for the maximum participation by the audience.**

**The Community Forum dais consisted of the following:**

**Mayor William “Bill” Edwards  
Councilmember Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Councilmember Catherine Foster Rowell, District 1  
Councilmember Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2  
Councilmember Helen Z. Willis, District 3  
Councilmember Naeema Gilyard, District 4  
Councilmember Rosie Jackson, District 5  
Councilmember Khalid Kamau, District 6**

**Mr. Cotton asked each member of the “Forum” to introduce themselves and briefly say a few words, beginning with the Mayor. Afterwards, he asked each city council member to come up by district. Councilmember Khalid did not participate in the introduction phase of the meeting.**

**The moderator immediately started fielding questions from the audience to the Forum members. Questions/answers covered economic development, crime, education, promoting transparency and accountability, parks and recreation.**

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Each Councilmember spoke directly about their district and the work each were working on to stand up the city. For example, difference ordinances and resolutions each sponsored or co-sponsored.

Closing out this session, the last question was: Did the City of South Fulton apply to be a site for the new Amazon Headquarters? The answer was yes and citizens participated in preparing the presentations. Closing remarks made by Moderator. Explained he was going to pass questions to the Forum host.

**4. Presentations**

Ms. Terrez Thompson, Chair, Political Awareness and Involvement, East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapter. She thanked the citizens of South Fulton. Recognized the corporate sponsors, moderator, and Welcome All Park and Multipurpose Center (Mr. Tony Phillips). Thanked the Mayor and City Councilmembers. Everyone (elected officials, corporate sponsors and Mr. Phillips) received certificates.

**5. Charge & Closing Remarks**

Ms. LaShandra Little, President, Atlanta Suburban Alumnae Chapter, thanked the Mayor and City Councilmembers for participating. She notified the attendees of the voting registration table set up and encouraged the attendees to visit the table. Informed the attendees that the Mayor said once the questions were compiled, they would be given to the city and answers would be provided and placed on the City of South Fulton's website. No Action was taken.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12: 10pm.

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Mark Massey, City Clerk